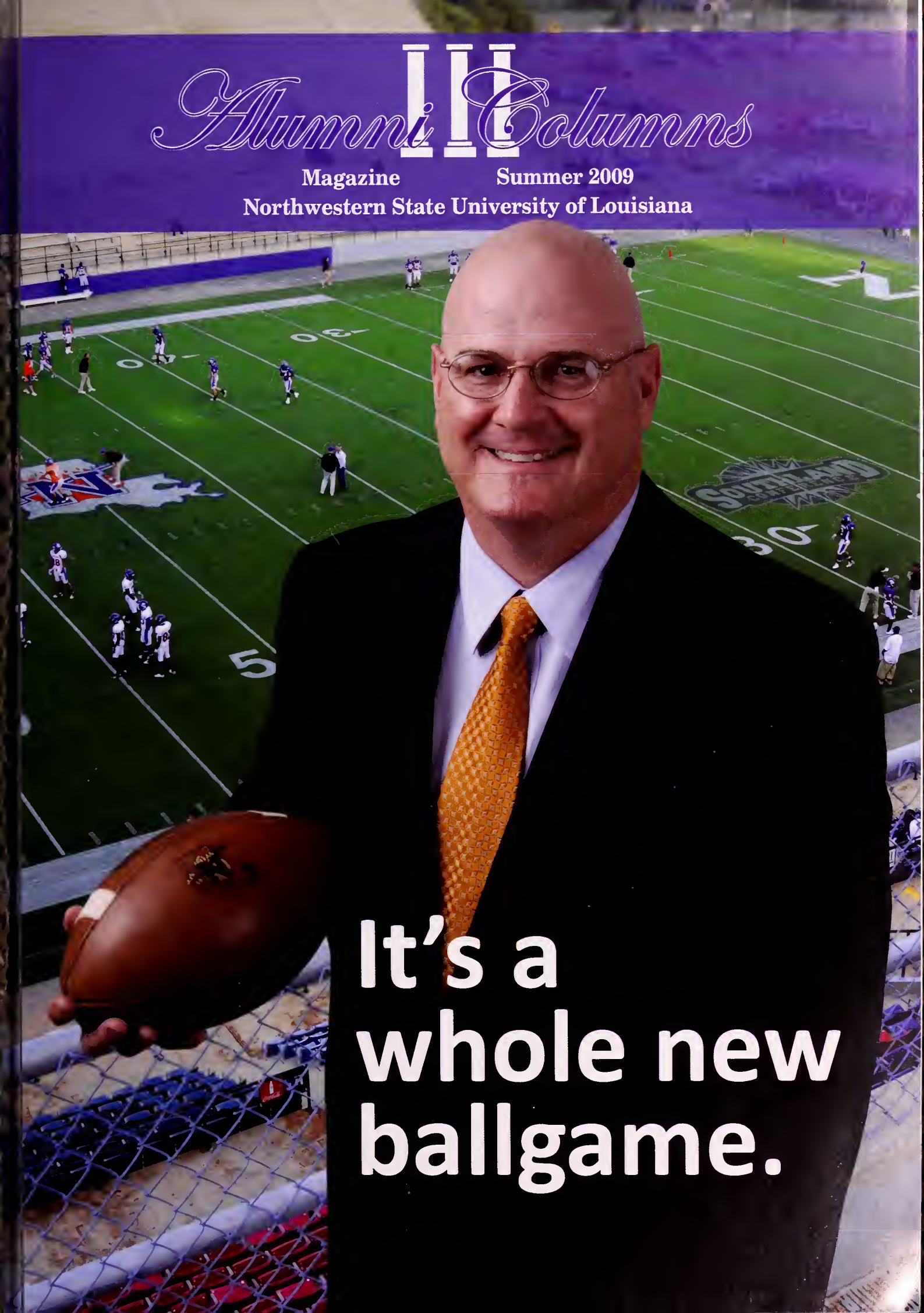


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A man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and orange patterned tie, is smiling and holding a brown football. He is standing in front of a football field. In the background, players in white and blue uniforms are visible on the field, and a large "SOUTH LANS" logo is painted on the grass. The top of the image has a purple banner with the magazine title and issue information.

**It's a
whole new
ballgame.**



Dr. Randall J. Webb, 1965, 1966
President, Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

Each of you knows the positive impact Northwestern State University has had on your life. The impact of the university goes beyond the classroom experiences and extracurricular activities that take place here. Northwestern also has a major economic and community impact on the area it serves.

The recent University of Louisiana System Economic and Community Impact Study conducted by Applied Technology Research Corporation of Baton Rouge showed Northwestern had a spending impact of more than \$353 million in its 10-parish service area in 2008. The study reported that every \$1 invested in a University of Louisiana System school has an \$8 return in the state's economy. Taking into account the incremental earnings per year as a result of degree attainment, the study reports that University of Louisiana System graduates have added about \$6.5 billion to Louisiana's economy in the last 10 years. Graduates also have improved health and are more likely to participate in civic and charitable endeavors. For more information, visit NSU's impact study page on the web at www.nsula.edu/impactstudy.

The past year has seen some improvements to the campus which will help provide our students with improved facilities. Students just spent their first year in University Place Phase II, a new residence hall constructed on the site of the old Rapides Hall. This spring, the university reopened Williamson Hall which is the home of our Department of Engineering Technology. The \$5.6 million project was the first major work done to the building since it was completed in 1959.

Northwestern also received word that Gov. Bobby Jindal has proposed using \$9.45 million in surplus funds from the 2007-08 budget for the construction of West Caspari Hall. The new building would house the Offices of University Recruiting, Student Success and New Student Programs, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment Management as well as the Registrar's Office, Cashier's Office, Student Accounting and Bursar's Office. We hope construction can begin this year and be completed in 2011.

William Drake Owens, 2004, 2005
Acting Director of Alumni and Development

My fellow alumni:

Excitement is high on Northwestern's campus this year as we continue to observe our school's 125th anniversary. We thank former students who have taken the time to share their heartwarming memories in our "Why We Love NSU" feature and continue to invite anyone who would like to share a special memory to do so.

We have truly enjoyed being able to meet many of you at our annual Alumni gatherings in Louisiana, Texas, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. It's always nice get together with fellow Demons and talk about the exciting things happening at NSU.

We encourage you to make plans to visit campus this year to commemorate the 125th anniversary of our school's founding. We are planning many special events for this year's homecoming festivities and have set the date for the weekend of October 24th. A full schedule will be published in our next issue.

Finally, I would like to again congratulate our Class of 1959, who recently returned to campus for their 50-year graduation. You are a great reminder of the bond NSU creates in all its alumni.



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On the cover: new Demon head football coach Bradley Dale Peveto.



Students ride the goalposts following the Nov. 20, 1997, victory over Stephen F. Austin, which clinched the Southland Conference championship. Coach Bradley Dale Peveto was the Demons' defensive coordinator.

2009 DEMON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sep 05	@ Houston	4 P.M.
Sep 12	@ Grambling	6 P.M.
Sep 19	NORTH DAKOTA	7 P.M.
Sep 26	@ Baylor	6 P.M.
Oct 10	CENTRAL ARKANSAS *	7 P.M.
Oct 17	@ McNeese State *	7 P.M.
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It's a whole new ballgame!

NSU Alumnus
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What can I do?

I read the Alumni Columns, but I haven't been back to campus in forever. I don't know when I'll get back to Natchitoches.

I get online and look at www.nsudemons.com 2-3 times a week. I wasn't really into sports much when I was a student, but it was fun to get together and tailgate and go to a few football games in the fall.

I get the idea they're pitching. "It's a whole new ballgame" isn't hard to understand. I've been told another catchphrase is "Have your ankles taped." What they're saying with that one, I believe, is we're all part of Northwestern, and we all should get ready to do something to help make our university stronger.

I talk to friends at NSU and in Natchitoches. They say people who have nothing to do with NSU are talking about the new football coach, Bradley Dale Peveto. They say there's a real buzz across campus, in town, even around the state. I guess hiring a coach who helped LSU win the national championship in 2007 has something to do with that.

When the Demon basketball team beat Iowa in the NCAA tournament, my friends at work were congratulating me. I felt like I was part of something exciting back home. What I read and hear, I have to admit, sounds really good. I like what it said about Coach Peveto in the last Alumni Columns, when the story was talking about when he was an assistant coach in 1996, 1997 and 1998. I was in the stands the night we beat Stephen F. Austin to win the conference championship and go to the playoffs. Everybody stormed the field at the end of the game and they tore down the goalposts. Some fraternity boys carried a part of the goalposts out of the stadium and all the way downtown.

I couldn't help but go back to every home game the next year. Coach Peveto was still the defensive coordinator. The team was awesome. We sat up next to the band and it was packed out nearly every game. We won the conference again and this time we played three playoff games at home. The second one was on Christmas Festival Day – that was incredible.

But again, I wonder, I'm here. NSU is back there. What can I do? Why should I care?

I wonder if it's coincidence. NSU has hired this high-energy, outgoing football coach. The university is celebrating its 125th anniversary. They're reaching out like never before to connect with alumni. My friends tell me the campus has never looked better. There's been real construction on campus for the first time in many years.

Just in athletics, they're laying down new turf on the football field. They put the wrought-iron fences around all their facilities and they installed all new scoreboards last year. The money for that was donated by alumni like you and I.

Coach Peveto got a great start. He was hired around Christmas. In six weeks, he and his coaches signed the No. 1-ranked recruiting class in the nation in our division, the Football Championship Subdivision in Division I. That compares to schools like Appalachian State (who beat Michigan a couple of years ago), Montana, Georgia Southern, Hampton, U-Mass, Delaware and Youngstown State.

I can see why NSU is making big moves forward and aiming high with the football program. That makes sense. Student life on campus when I was in school got really great when football was winning big. The people in Natchitoches were all excited. People back home asked me about NSU more. I'm sure more alumni came back for football weekends. That all would be very good to see happening again for our school, so I keep coming back to the same question:

What can I do?



Trainer Ed Evans tapes Coach Peveto's ankles before the Delaney Bowl April 8. When coaching at LSU last year, Peveto joined the players getting their ankles taped before playing No. 1-ranked Alabama, and the Tigers' defense played an inspired game in an overtime loss. Peveto has used the catchphrase "have your ankles taped!" to reflect his "all in" approach to Demon football.



The Peveto Promise

New head coach Bradley Dale Peveto will bring an exciting, entertaining brand of football to Turpin Stadium this season.

That's a promise. Here's a deal that shows just how confident Coach Peveto and the NSU Athletic Department are about you liking what you see this fall.

The Peveto Promise says that any season ticket holder who is not satisfied with the quality of the product after the first two home games can get a complete refund of the amount of the season ticket purchase.

But as Coach Peveto says, you're not going to want a refund. You are going to want more tickets!

Why The Peveto Promise is so pivotal

So, is all of this "Peveto Promise" and season ticket excitement just about football? Well, yes and no.

Yes, because an important part of winning Southland Conference championships and ultimately getting to the FCS national championship game in Chattanooga is having a large, avid fan base. At the same time, football season ticket revenue – as it does at about every Division I athletic program in the country – drives revenue for every sport at NSU.

Case in point - if NSU had an additional 2,000 season ticket holders at just under \$100 per ticket, the nearly \$200,000 in additional revenue would not be distributed exclusively to football – every other sport operating budget would benefit. That, in turn, greatly boosts those sports' chances to win their own SLC titles and advance to NCAA postseason play.

That, Northwestern alumni, is the goal at your university – to have an across-the-board, highly competitive athletic program. We want to give you more highlights like the 2006 men's basketball team beating 15th-ranked Iowa in the NCAA Tournament and the women's soccer team being the only program in Louisiana to make more than one NCAA Tournament appearance.

Success enjoyed by the athletic program is great for NSU. It serves as a rallying point for student life and for alumni. The publicity generated is priceless and at times, like after the Iowa win, is staggering. Excitement on campus and in the community is palpable. The purple and white shine just a little bit brighter.

The opportunity facing us can help catapult NSU to new heights. The right people are in place and if the level of support (psst - buy tickets!) builds, it could be very special, sooner than later.

We want you to be part of making it happen. Go online to www.nsudemons.com to order season tickets, or call our ticket office. Buy some official Demon gear. It all makes a difference.

One more thing – have your ankles taped!

– Greg Burke, NSU director of athletics since 1996



What can you do?

- Buy season tickets* and if you live where you are not able to use them, donate them to the Demon Opportunity Fund*
- Buy single game tickets* for the September 19 home opener and if you cannot attend, donate them to the Demon Opportunity Fund
- Make a financial contribution* to the Demon Opportunity Fund to underwrite costs of tickets to the September 19 game
- Get some good looking, officially licensed new NSU gear* and wear it often — especially on game days!
- Listen free to the games, even watch the games online*
- When you can make it to a home game, tailgate with friends at the NSU Alumni Association tent. Ask around - it's a great time!
- "Road trip" – support the Demons and join other NSU alumni at road games. There may be one closer than you think!*
- Talk about Demon football – bone up on our rich tradition* and get ready for the exciting future. You will enjoy how much you can brag about to your friends!
- Have your ankles taped every Saturday this fall!!!

*** You can do this by visiting www.nsudemons.com, or by calling NSU Athletics at 318-357-4268**

How good do we want to be?

Molding a championship football program takes teamwork – far beyond the blocking, tackling and coaching. Filling the seats at Turpin Stadium is vital to big picture success for Northwestern State University, not just Demon football. Growing the fan base and the support base for Demon football is good for the entire university community and resonates far beyond the 2009 season.

Home football weekends are the biggest showcase events NSU has every year. Let's make them everything they can be. Let's make NSU stronger. How good do we want to be? Here's your chance, whether you're a half-hour away or halfway across the country, to be part of the team.

- Buy season tickets – Starting at \$50 for general admission seating, up to \$90 for reserved chairback seating. Installment purchases are available.
- Be part of the Sept. 19 "Opening Night" Sell-Out – The goal is to sell out Turpin Stadium for the 2009 home opener for the Demons and Coach Bradley Dale Peveto against the University of North Dakota. We hope you can be there. If not, you can help sell out the stadium by contributing to the Demon Opportunity Fund.

It doesn't take much to help. Can you spare \$10? If every NSU alumnus would purchase two Demon Opportunity Fund single game tickets (\$5 each) to be distributed to kids in organizations like Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs and other youth groups, then Turpin Stadium would be sold out for all five 2009 home games!

To order tickets:

- Call the NSU Ticket Office Monday through Friday from 8-5 at 318-357-4268. MasterCard and Visa accepted.
- Mail a check for a season ticket purchase, or a donation to the Demon Opportunity Fund, to NSU Ticket Office, Athletic Fieldhouse, Natchitoches, LA, 71497. Please use the notes line on the check to indicate "buy tickets" or "donation for tickets." Any donation amount helps.
- Log on to www.nsudemons.com, click on the "buy tickets" button, and place your order.

What is NSU doing?

- Engaging the student body! The popular Demon Rewards program begins its third year providing incentives and rewards ranging from T-shirts and game jerseys up to a full semester's tuition for NSU students attending athletic events
- Reconnecting with the student section! Coach Peveto is moving the Demon football team back to the student section side of Turpin Stadium this fall
- Founding the Student Alumni Association to foster development of an alumni base among soon-to-be graduated students, keeping them in contact with NSU
- Ramping up community outreach! NSU student-athletes have done 2,000 hours of community service projects in each of the last two academic years
- Making friends in and around the NSU community! The new Demon football staff is building bonds across Natchitoches and around the state. They will travel statewide to host kids camps and meet alumni this summer.
- The year-old Demon Opportunity Fund provides school kids and disadvantaged youth free tickets to home games on campus
- Major athletic facility upgrades have been completed (Second Century Fencing Project, installation of new scoreboards at athletic venues, new turf installation at Turpin Stadium) and others are in progress (planning underway for track/softball/soccer locker room facilities, enhanced athletic training room and weight room, other improvements).
- The new Demon football coaching staff attracted the nation's No. 1-ranked (by Rivals.com) recruiting class in FCS Division I
- Expanded coverage of NSU athletics through the SLC TV Network (available online at www.southland.org)
- Free audio and premium video streaming of NSU home games in almost every sport available on www.nsudemons.com website



What a feeling – on the field, or in the packed stands at Turpin Stadium!

Ten years removed from my playing career at Northwestern State, I carry many fond memories of my collegiate career. Saturday nights in Turpin Stadium were filled with electricity – fueled largely by avid fans clad in purple and white and exuding pure energy.

There is hardly a feeling in the world that rivals the domino effect of a great hit, great block, or touchdown being recognized by a full stadium swelling up with a deep breath and then, all at once, cheering mightily for the home team.

Though I did not always walk off the field victorious (NSU had an 18-4 home record from '96-'99) my chest always swelled with pride and my heart beat at a pace that didn't even seem sustainable when we ran out of the tunnel, the fight song kicked in, and everyone rose to their feet. The Demons weren't just the 11 players on the field – our opponents also had to battle our crowd!

It's no coincidence that the most memorable games of my playing career involved two factors – Coach Bradley Dale Peveto and a vigorous crowd in the stands at Turpin Stadium.

Now, a decade later, we have an opportunity to ensure that these aren't merely the wistful reflections of days long gone by. On Saturday night, Sept. 19, the Demons, led into play by Coach Peveto, will leave it all on the field and sell out to ensure victory against North Dakota's Fighting Sioux. NSU Alumni, we need to be sure that we do the same thing in the stands.

Turpin Stadium seats nearly 16,000 at capacity. This means we'll have 16,000 opportunities each week to watch a championship season unfold right before our eyes. Get your tickets now and be there, be loud, and wear purple, white, and orange. We promise you'll like what you see.

In fact, Coach Peveto guarantees it!

— Dr. William Broussard (2000),
NSU football letterman 1996-99, All-America center 1998-99, now associate athletics director, director of the Demon Victory Fund

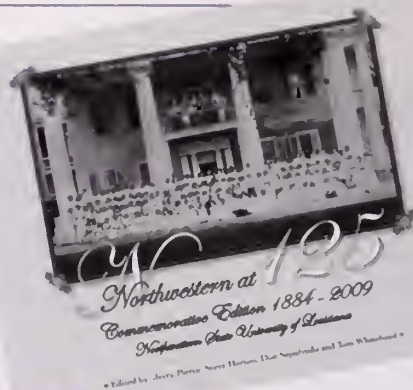
NSU 125 on the Web

Web pages recognizing NSU's 125th anniversary are available for on-line viewing. The university's 125th anniversary website can be viewed at www.nsula.edu/125. The site provides a history of the university, its mission statement and a message from NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb as well as free ring tones, wallpaper and video downloads.

A link to the site has been placed on the American Association of State Colleges and Universities website. The NSU Founding Celebrations page can be accessed via the AASCU home page or directly at <http://www.aascu.org/anniversary/NSULA/index.htm>.

The AASCU page provides general information about the university, along with a list of notable alumni, school accomplishments and "fun facts" about the university.

Founded in 1884 as the Louisiana Normal School, Northwestern is observing its 125th anniversary through 2010 with a series of events that include exhibits, concerts and social functions. Information about events and activities can also be accessed through the NSU Alumni Association website at www.northwesternalumni.com, where a special section is dedicated to the 125th anniversary.



NSU stories, pictures preserved in coffee table book



A coffee table book celebrating the 125th anniversary of Northwestern is now on sale. The 200-page book contains more than 700 photographs from the university's archives documenting the school's history through the decades with sections devoted to academics, student life, sports and campus views, in a 10.5 x 12-inch hardcover publication.

"Northwestern at 125: Commemorative Edition 1884-2009" will be a source of pride for graduates and friends with photos that reflect the school's growth in the last 125 years. The engaging book celebrates the 125 years of history, tradition, achievement and people at Northwestern from its inception as the state Normal school to today.

"This one of a kind commemorative book is full of interesting stories and amusing anecdotes with pictures of students, activities and scenes around campus as the school changed and grew through the decades," said Drake Owens, director of Alumni and Development. "This book is a tribute to Northwestern and its on-going story. The stories and images on its pages will appeal to many generations of former students, faculty and friends."

Editors of the book are Jerry Pierce, Steve Horton, Tom Whitehead and Don Sepulvado.

Each book sold will help support Northwestern and its many programs.

The book will be available for \$50 and can be ordered online at northwesternalumni.com, or use the form on the back cover of this magazine. Books ordered before July 31 will be shipped free of charge.

Why I love NSU

"A wise man once said that you only need six real friends in this world — six to carry you to your final resting place. In my four years at Northwestern, I managed to meet three of these real friends, who will be half of the group that serve as pallbearers at my funeral. I am 61 years old, and in the 57 years outside of my stay at NSU, I have found the other three. So, you can see that lasting friendships are made and maintained through being a student at Northwestern. Without my three friends I made while at Northwestern, it might have taken me 57 more years to find the other three." — Bart Stewart Sr. (1970)

2009 is a very special year in the history of our university. We celebrate our 125th year of educating tomorrow's leaders. To help mark this special year, we're asking for people to tell us "Why I Love NSU." Send your thoughts to the alumni center at 535 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA 71497 or submit them online at www.northwesternalumni.com. We have a special section dedicated to the 125th anniversary. Your memory might be included in a future edition of the Alumni Columns, posted online or included in a special event to commemorate this very, very special year.

NSU's restored Albrizio painting will be placed on exhibit

Northwestern will exhibit a restored painting by muralist Conrad Albrizio as part of the university's 125th anniversary celebration. Left in storage at the university for decades, the painting is a confirmed work by Albrizio, well-known for his murals at the Louisiana State Capital building. The NSU painting has been catalogued by the State Archives, but how it arrived at Northwestern remains a mystery.

Leslie Gruesbeck (1987), NSU's coordinator of galleries, discovered the painting as a graduate student in 1987 and considered pursuing the painting's history as part of her thesis.

"I found and fell in love with this work, even though it was dirty and not in the best of shape. When I came back to work here in 2007, the painting was in the same shape in the same closet and I worked with Director of Libraries Fleming Thomas to get it out of inadequate storage. We hope to get it to the library where there is more adequate climate controlled storage," she said.

Thomas liked the painting immediately and contacted art conservator and NSU alumnus Lloyd Young, who agreed to work on its restoration. The 45 x 36-inch painting was in its original frame, which Young also restored, and depicts a man plowing with a mule. Following an appraisal by a Baton Rouge firm, Thomas then took the painting to the State Exhibit Building in Shreveport, where experts were cleaning that building's Albrizio frescoes. There it was viewed and catalogued for the Archives.

"It is a great regionalist painting, a rural Southern landscape. I was thrilled to see it cleaned. It's very vibrant," Gruesbeck said. "Albrizio painted for the WPA and has a mural in the post office at DeRidder. I always wondered if perhaps the man with the mule painting was part of a WPA project as well."

Albrizio was born in New York City in 1894. Influenced by his architect father, he moved to New Orleans as an architectural designer in 1920, where he



This painting by famed muralist Conrad Albrizio will be exhibited later this year as part of NSU's 125th anniversary celebration.

was exposed to the New Orleans arts circle. In 1923, he returned to New York to study at the Art Students League and later traveled to Europe to study frescoes, which aided him in the murals he would paint through the WPA in New York, Detroit, Alabama, and Louisiana. He was commissioned by Louisiana Governor Huey P. Long to paint the murals in the Louisiana State Capitol. He taught art at LSU from 1935 until his retirement in 1954. His later work developed more abstract qualities, and he died in Baton Rouge in 1973 at the age of 79.

"We have a hole in this painting's provenance," Gruesbeck said. "We know Albrizio was working in the state and at LSU. It is possible that our Albrizio could have arrived at Northwestern through an exchange with his contemporaries in the NSU art faculty, Orville Hanchey or Olive Long Cooper, who's brother Huey Long commissioned the murals at the State Capitol. Or it could be a WPA piece, in which case there would be a record somewhere."

In 2008, the painting was featured on the Louisiana Public Broadcasting's Antiques Road Show.

Rose composes anthem for Northwestern's anniversary

Richard Rose has added his own special touch to NSU's 125th anniversary celebration. Rose, a long-time member of Northwestern's music faculty, has composed "N125 Fanfare and March," which was premiered by the NSU Concert Band in April and will be used throughout the anniversary celebration. The piece was commissioned by Northwestern.

"It was going to be a fanfare used as an introduction, but evolved into a march as I thought of it being played on the football

field before a game," said Rose. "I wanted it to be a celebratory piece that would be enjoyable to listen to. I am around Northwestern and this music all the time, so this was very natural for me."

This fall the piece will be performed by the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and the Natchitoches – Northwestern Symphony Orchestra. Rose will also add words to the composition so it can be performed by NSU choral groups.

Rose said "N125 Fanfare and March" is

based on melodies from the Northwestern alma mater and fight song. Rose was also influenced by John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

"Sometimes it is clear and sometimes it isn't so clear," said Rose. "Everyone who is familiar with Northwestern will recognize some of it. Some may recognize all of it."

Rose retired as a full-time faculty member in 2006. He continues to teach part-time and regularly attends Northwestern events.

Study: Northwestern has \$353 million impact on region

Northwestern and the University of Louisiana System have released findings from a study that determined Northwestern had a spending impact of more than \$353 million in its 10-parish service area in 2008. Overall, the University of Louisiana System has a \$3.4 billion annual impact on Louisiana's economy.

Northwestern's study focused on the parishes surrounding its main campus in Natchitoches and satellite campuses in Shreveport, Alexandria, Leesville-Fort Polk and Jonesville.

The study reports that every \$1 invested in a University of Louisiana System school has an \$8 return in the state's economy. Louisiana invested \$438.7 million of state funding in University of Louisiana System schools for fiscal year 2007-08. That investment yielded a \$3.4 billion impact to the state's economy through spending alone.

In addition to spending, the study examined the university's impact from teaching/ workforce training, research/service and quality of life enhancement. Taking into account the incremental earnings per year as a result of degree attainment, the study reports that ULS graduates have added about \$6.5 billion to Louisiana's economy in the last 10 years. Graduates also have improved health and are more likely to participate in civic and charitable endeavors.

For more information, visit NSU's impact study page on the web at www.nsula.edu/impactstudy. To download a full version of the study, visit the ULS website at www.ulsystem.edu.

Homecoming 2009

Exciting changes are in the works for Northwestern's 2009 Homecoming celebration, which will commemorate the school's 125th anniversary.

Festivities on Saturday, Oct. 24 will include several departmental and organization reunions culminating with a casual luncheon at noon. The Homecoming parade will begin at 3 p.m., ending at the tailgating field before a 7 p.m. kick-off for the Homecoming football game against Texas State.

The College of Education announced changes that include a gathering from 10-11:15 a.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center and an Education Alumni tailgate party prior to the game.

Look for more announcements about the 2009 Homecoming schedule in the Fall Edition of Alumni Columns.

Author of NSU history dies

Dr. Marietta LeBreton, 72, who was a member of Northwestern's faculty for more than 45 years, died March 22, 2009, after a brief illness. LeBreton's tenure on the NSU faculty was one of the longest in history. She joined Northwestern's faculty in 1963 as an instructor of social science. She was promoted to assistant professor of history in 1965, associate professor in 1970 and full professor in 1973. LeBreton served as head of the Department of History from 1980 until 1983 when she returned to the classroom for the remainder of her career.

LeBreton contributed to the university's history as the author of "Northwestern State University: A History 1884-1984," which was published by the NSU Press to commemorate Northwestern's 100th anniversary.

"As we celebrate our 125th anniversary as a postsecondary institution of higher education this year, it should warm the hearts of all people of Northwestern who have known her that an outstanding person of her caliber, who also happened to be an excellent teacher and historian, graced these hallowed grounds and halls for more than one-third of our institutional history," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

LeBreton was the author of "The Acadians" for the Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups published by the Harvard University Press, "Bayou Dorcheat" for "Rivers and Bayous of Louisiana" and "The Burr Conspiracy" for the volume "Readings in Louisiana History." She was associate editor of "Reading in Louisiana History" published by the Louisiana Historical Association. LeBreton wrote a position paper on Article III of Louisiana's 1812 Constitution for "Edwin W. Edwards, The Role of the Governor in Louisiana Politics: A Historical Analysis" for the journal Louisiana History in 1974.



The rededication of Williamson Hall, which houses NSU's Department of Engineering Technology, was held in March. The ceremony celebrated both the 50th anniversary of the building and its recently completed \$5.6 million rehabilitation project — the first major work done to the facility since its original construction in 1959. The building was named for George Williamson, who was a member of the Louisiana State Normal College (now Northwestern) faculty from 1897 until 1932.

Faculty incorporate 'clicker' technology into the classroom

Faculty at NSU are utilizing a teaching device that helps keep students alert, answers their questions, encourages class participation and makes taking roll easier. The Personal Response System, or "clicker," which looks like a cross between a remote control and a calculator, is an instructional technology tool that allows students to record responses to classroom discussion and identify correct and incorrect respondents. The clickers not only help instructors gauge whether topics need more discussion or students are ready to move on, but also measures a students' attention and participation.

"This works very much like a game control unit," explained Dr. Ben Rushing, who introduced the clickers in his upper level algebra classes last year. "They are individually registered, with a unique unchangeable code, just like a cell phone."

The clickers allow a student to join a class, and when an instructor asks a multiple-choice or yes/no question, the student presses a button on the handheld device that corresponds to the intended answer. The device, which can be plugged into Blackboard, also allows for impromptu questions to get responses, which are automatically recorded in a grade book. The clickers are especially helpful in large classrooms and some students who are unlikely to raise their hand in class feel more comfortable responding to an instructor via clicker.

"Student reaction to using these devices has been extremely positive. Using these devices in the classroom completely changes the dynamic and increases the interaction between students, content, and teacher," Rushing said. "This is an area where NSU is leading the way in our region."

Students in Rushing's Math 2020 class agreed.

"It makes it easier to pay attention in class," said Stanley Rolon, a freshman from Atlanta, Texas. "I'm usually a B student and last semester I had a 97 percent."

Each device has a unique code that allows students to log in individually for each class. Rushing and his colleagues intend to analyze attendance, retention and grade point averages over the next academic year to determine the impact the clickers have academically.

"We want to engage students to learn, participate, attend class, enjoy class and perform better," Rushing said. "I've been teaching for a long time and in my opinion, this technology has more positive potential than anything I've encountered in the classroom setting. It gives me immediate feedback on whether the students understand the concepts I'm talking about."

NSU will celebrate 80 years of Greek life

To commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Northwestern State University, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life has planned an All-Greek Reunion during Homecoming 2009. The reunion will serve to reunite all Northwestern Greek alumni including those that do not currently have an active charter on campus.

"We wanted our activities to center around the game and so our biggest event will be a tailgate party on Homecoming Day at Turpin Stadium," said Natalie Laurence, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life. "This idea grew out of the 125th anniversary celebration. Our hope is to have everyone come together and celebrate all that Northwestern State and the Greek community have accomplished."

Other activities will include a Greek Alumni reception on Friday evening and chapter celebrations on Saturday morning. A highlight of the weekend will be the inaugural celebration of our Distinguished Greek Alumni.

Northwestern State's fraternities and sororities made their appearance on the Normal campus during the

1920s, gradually replacing the literary societies on campus.

The fraternity and sorority community currently has 17 active chapters that will participate in the reunion.

"Our goal is to bring all Greek Alumni together - including members from our inactive chapters - Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Zeta, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Kappa and Sigma Tau Gamma."

If you can provide contact information for alumni for any of these chapters, please contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to help us update our database.

For over 80 years, members of Northwestern State's fraternities and sororities have continued to enhance the University community. It's time to celebrate our achievements. Make plans now to attend the Greek Alumni Reunion on Oct. 23-24, 2009. Look for more information in the Homecoming Edition of the Alumni Columns or contact Natalie Laurence at (318) 357-5439 or by email at laurencen@nsula.edu.

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Student Alumni Association promotes networking, connections

Students at Northwestern State University have formed an organization to better connect them to alumni and help inform fellow students about the university's traditions.

A Student Alumni Association has been established to enhance the relationship between students, alumni and Northwestern. The group is sponsored by the NSU Alumni Association and signed up 55 members at its first meeting.

"We want to encourage networking between students and alumni to create connections that can be helpful in the future," said coordinator Lauren Michel, a senior liberal arts, humanities and social thought major in the Louisiana Scholars' College from Luling. "We also want to promote some of the

traditions that are an important part of Northwestern and encourage our students to be part of the events taking place on campus."

Michel said NSU's Student Alumni Association got its start when Student Government Association President Cody Bourque saw the success another university was having with a similar organization. He met with Drake Owens, executive director of the NSU Alumni Association, and Dr. William Broussard, executive director of the NSU Athletic Association, who supported the concept of the student organization.

Michel said all Northwestern students are eligible to join the Association and she encouraged students on the Natchitoches campus along with NSU campuses in

Shreveport, Leesville-Fort Polk, Alexandria and Jonesville as well as online students to participate. There is no charge to join and membership makes participants eligible for prizes, monthly drawings and other benefits.

For more information or to join, go to www.northwesternalumni.com and click on Student Alumni Association.



Kappa Alpha alumni acknowledge brother's service



CPT Russ Harris

Alumni members of Kappa Alpha Order obtained 16 signatures on a KA flag to send to CPT Russ Harris (1997), who is serving a tour in Iraq. The signatures on the flag were collected in conjunction with a 40th birthday celebration for Robert Gunn (1993) in January and shipped to Harris, who flew it over the gate of his base in Iraq in February. Kevin Fayard (1993) initiated the project, collected the signatures and shipped the flag to Harris.

Harris, who is married to the former Tara Zimmer (1998), is the Troop Commander of a Cavalry Troop from Denison, Texas. His unit escorts military and civilian convoys. The flag was a huge morale boost, he said.

"My KA brothers' support makes me proud of the bond of brotherhood I pledged to be a part of and proves to me these men are true to their values on so many levels, not just fraternally but as Americans and patriots," Harris said. "The love and support of my fellow NSU alumni make me proud to serve not only my country but my alma mater."

Harris expects to return home to Plano, Texas, this fall.



Preparing to send the flag are, from left, Kevin Fayard (1993), Todd Martin (1992) Robert Gunn (1993), Jacques Vilar (1993) and Jeff Burkett. Fayard spearheaded the project.

President's home named for late Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick

NSU held a ceremony to recognize the naming of the Arnold Kilpatrick President's Residence, 1 Normal Drive, on May 1. The event included a reception and open house.

Kilpatrick served as president of Northwestern from 1966 until 1978. In his 12 years as president, enrollment increased substantially, and a number of buildings were constructed or renovated. He helped secure funding for the construction of Watson Memorial Library, Bienvenu Biological Sciences Building, the Physical Education Majors Building and the Teacher Education Center, the Student Recreation Complex and University Post Office and for major renovation of Turpin Stadium, Prather Coliseum and the Friedman Student Union.

A Northwestern campus was established at Fort Polk while Kilpatrick was president, and Northwestern achieved university status when the name of the school was changed from Northwestern State College to Northwestern State University.

Kilpatrick, who served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, attended Northeast Louisiana Junior College and later earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern. He received master's and doctorate degrees in education from Louisiana State University.

Kilpatrick died in 2005.

"I am so thrilled that Arnold is being honored this way," said his wife Juanita Kilpatrick. "He loved Northwestern, the field of education and young people. He enjoyed his years there and put all his energy into Northwestern."

The Kilpatricks moved into the current President's Home



Members of the Kilpatrick family gathered during the President's Home reception. From left are Ryan Kilpatrick, Ethan Parker, Jared Kilpatrick, Ashley Schult, Juanita Kilpatrick, Lael Kilpatrick, Young Kilpatrick and Jeri Kilpatrick.

in 1970. Oscar G. Butler was the architect of the residence, which reflects the French Colonial style in keeping with the popular architecture of early Louisiana.

"I enjoyed working with the architects and (physical plant staff member) Loren Lindsey," said Juanita Kilpatrick. "They were very easy to work with and were very helpful. They did a good job in designing a home which can accommodate presidents with different needs."

The new home provided more space than the much smaller residence on University Parkway, which is now the NSU Alumni Center. It also allowed the Kilpatricks to better promote the university by socializing with students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university.

The Kilpatricks used the President's Home to entertain guests regularly. This was before the university had a catering firm on campus, and when the cook in the President's Home was ill, Mrs. Kilpatrick did the cooking for up to 40 guests. One appreciative guest was newscaster Paul Harvey, who told Mrs. Kilpatrick how glad he was to be served roast beef instead of chicken at a luncheon and mentioned the Kilpatrick's hospitality on his daily radio show.

SPOTLIGHTS



Natchitoches native **Jimmy D. Long Sr.**, was named a 2009 Louisiana Legend by Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting. Long served eight consecutive terms in the Louisiana House of Representatives and was recognized as the Dean of Legislature. He became one of

the most respected figures in state government through consistent leadership, integrity and command of the legislative process.

Long has served as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana school system since 2001, two of those years he was chair. He chaired the House Education Committee for 16 years and was considered the leading authority in the Legislature on educational issues. Long was the guiding force in the creation of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and Arts in Natchitoches and was an effective political supporter of Northwestern State University, helping to obtain millions of dollars for the university. His community service and accolades are numerous, including being named one of the "100 Most Influential People of the Century in Northwest Louisiana."

Coliseum. He is in the University of Louisiana-Monroe and Northwestern Graduate N Club athletic halls of fame. His award will be presented posthumously.



Dr. Patricia E. Thompson (1970) was recently inducted into the Louisiana State Nurses Hall of Fame.

Thompson's induction is in recognition of a career that includes a nursing leadership background that spans a lengthy period of highly involved professional and service activities.

She earned the Master of Science in Nursing with a focus in Pediatrics from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and the Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from the University of North Texas. Between 1971 and 2007, she served as a faculty member in undergraduate and graduate nursing education at Texas Christian University, the University of Texas at Arlington, Northwestern State University and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, there rising to the position of associate dean for academic programs in the College of Nursing.



The board of directors of the newly formed Jackson Parish Sports Hall of Fame included former **NSU President Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick** in its list of the first five athletes and coaches to be inducted July 25th into the Hall.

Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick, an Eros native, coached Jonesboro-

Hodge High School basketball for five years (1946-51), compiling an 88-59 record and one state championship. He coached basketball at Northeast Louisiana University four seasons, compiling a 58-52 record and being named Gulf States Conference Coach of the Year in 1955. He also served as athletics director at NLU, and was named president of the Gulf States Conference. He became president of Northwestern in 1966. During his 12 years as president, he was instrumental in the working to locate the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Prather



Veteran Northwestern State sports information director **Doug Ireland** (1986) was presented the "Distinguished American Award" by the S.M. McNaughton Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame during the group's annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet earlier this year.

Ireland is an assistant athletic director at NSU and has been SID since January 1989. Ireland also serves in the volunteer capacity as chairman of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, a post he has held since April 1991. The Hall of Fame is partnering with the Louisiana State Museum system on an \$18 million construction project in downtown Natchitoches with a 27,500-square foot building projected for completion late next year, housing the Hall of Fame and the existing Old Courthouse Museum in Natchitoches.

Weldon inducted into N Club Hall of Fame

Truitt Weldon, an all-conference basketball star at Northwestern State from 1958-62 who once reportedly scored 105 points in a high school game in Sabine Parish, was inducted posthumously into the NSU Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame this past spring.

Induction into the Graduate N Club Hall of Fame is the highest athletic honor Northwestern presents to its former student-athletes. The Graduate N Club is comprised of former athletic letterwinners through the 102-year history of intercollegiate athletics at Northwestern.

At the time of his death in May 1971 at the age of 31, Weldon was co-owner of a successful automobile dealership in Montgomery.

At Northwestern, Weldon was chosen for All-Gulf States Conference teams in 1961 and 1962. He ranks fourth all-time in school history in career rebounding with 928 in 103 games, a 9.0 average topped only by James Wyatt (1,549), Billy Reynolds (1,150) and Frederick Piper (941). They are the only four players with 900 career rebounds.

Weldon also ranks 17th on the Demons' career scoring list with 1,289 points, a 12.5 average. He led Northwestern in rebounding (299, 11.1 per game) and in free throw percentage (69.0) as a senior in 1961-62.

As a sophomore, Weldon helped the 1959-60 Demons tie what was at the time the school record for wins in a season as

Northwestern went 23-5 and claimed a second straight GSC championship.

A former All-State player at Mt. Carmel High School in Sabine Parish, Weldon was highly recruited, especially after he reportedly scored 105 points in a single game as a senior. State high school records do show a documented 82-point performance by Weldon that stood as the state record for more than a decade, but the officially documented state record is 100 points by Ebarb's Greg Procell in 1968.

During much of his high school career, Weldon's family belonged to a strict religious denomination which forced him to play many games in blue jeans. Asked how he handled some teasing opponents, Weldon would reportedly only say, "Well, I'd just smile and then try to beat the fire out of them."

On hand for the induction ceremony and receiving the late Weldon's Graduate N Club Hall of Fame medallion was his son, Norman Gene Weldon of Salt Lake City. Weldon's son was named after the former long-time "Voice of the Demons" Norm Fletcher, who helped recruit Weldon for the purple and white, and the late Weldon's basketball roommate, Gene Wright.

Daughters Marla and Dinah Weldon joined other family members at the March 7 dinner and ceremony in Prather Coliseum, while another daughter, Wendy Weldon, was unable to attend.



Legendary Northwestern State Demons baseball pitchers Jim Willis, left, and Billie Roy Cook had their Demon jerseys retired at the 2009 Demon Baseball Opening Day banquet. They are only the third and fourth baseball figures honored with retired jerseys, joining former Demon head coach Jim Wells and former major league pitcher Brian Lawrence. The four numbers are displayed on the outfield wall at Brown-Stroud Field. Willis, a Boyce resident, was the first Northwestern product to reach the major leagues, pitching for the Chicago Cubs in 1953-54. Cook, who lives in Virginia, still holds the school record for pitching victories (29) 50 years after his career ended. He led the nation with 10 wins in 1957. Their recognition was a highlight of the banquet, which also featured a stirring speech from Cubs shortstop Ryan Theriot, a Baton Rouge native and former LSU star.

Ted Jones Scholarship Recipients



Recruiter LaTasha Gray presented Stephanie Rabon of Covington High School with a Ted Jones Scholarship.



Recruiter Nikki Ceasar presented Randy Beisert of North Mesquite High School with a Ted Jones Scholarship during a Dallas recruiting reception.



Terrence Sumbler of Oakdale High School was the Ted Jones Scholarship winner from the Lake Charles area, presented by recruiter Reed Thomas.



Assistant Director of Recruiting Ashlee C. Hewitt presented Jessica Craft of Hornbeck High School and Catherine Paddie of Simpson High School with a Ted Jones Scholarship. They were congratulated by recruiter Reed Thomas.



Ted Jones Scholarship winners from the Shreveport area were, from left, BreAuan Case and Dasaundra Dixon of C.E. Byrd High School. Rita Austin of Southwood High School was the Keith Bergeron Scholarship winner.

Baton Rouge Alumni Gathering



Alumni gathering in Baton Rouge were David Addison (1971), Inez Townsend (1941), Wanda Love (1972), Linda Gayle Williams and Janis Lowe (1970).

To view more photos from each gathering, please visit www.northwesternalumni.com.



Laurie Metoyer (1993, 1997) and Lesseley Deshotels (1989)



Philip Kick (2003), Erin Bardin, Michael Antoon (2007) and Jason St. Germain (2003)



Ann Michel Legarde (2004), Edwin Lagarde (2001, 2004), Linda West (1978, 1981) and Glynn White.



Class of 1959 Reunion— 1st Row L to R: Mary Duncelman Rabb, Cecilia Landry Soileau, JoAnn Joffrion, Donald Roy Fossett, George Donald Rucker, Helen Manitzas MaLachias, Ernestine McKinney Peterson, Rose E. Escott Plumb, Sylvia DeField Downes, Nancy Stalder Miller and Betty Watley Christman. 2nd Row L to R: Charles Eugene Johnson, Carole Sue Craig Heifner, Patricia Lister Newton, Elva Grisham Groves, Virginia Ford Beard, Margie Jameson Tyson, Delma Donahoe Wilburn, Beverly A. Hortman Weaver, Elinor Carolin Chamberlin Fountain and Ethelyn Louise Scroggins Millar. 3rd Row L to R: Patricia Miley Oglesby, Mary Ann Jarmon King, James Louis Patterson, Truman Maynard, George Alford Cates, Lorris Woodall, Larry P. Bell, Jerry H. Roy and Lady Jane Patton. 4th Row L to R: Frank W. "Bill" Stewart, Edmond E. Duthile, Glynn Harris, Robert E. Tackett, John Rallen Richard, Benny M. Fowler, John R. Williams, John David Moody, Jr., Danny W. Higdon, Thomas J. Guess and Thomas Kennedy Henry. Top Row L to R: Thomas W. Guinn, A.L. "Petie" Moore, A.W. "Billy" Palmer, M. Eugene Wright, Jr., James Farley Speed, Charles R. Varnell, Hillman Edward Hunter, Charles Bradley Bice, Michael Reed Murphy, John M. Hicks, John W. Beck, Jr., James Thigpen, L. L. Langston and Troy Thomas Kelly.

Alumni Profile



Kevin Tison's NSU experience came full circle on April 6 when he co-directed with his former instructor Dr. Burt Allen on the same stage that defined his college career.

Tison first performed in Magale Hall as a freshman in 1989. During his time at NSU, he was in choirs, opera theatre, bands and orchestras. He even came back to NSU to perform his graduate recital in Magale Hall. Now 20 years after his first performance, Tison returned to the place where it all began, but this time as a conductor with his own group of students.

"It's incredible," the 1993 alumnus said about returning to NSU. "To be able to stand on the same stage as Dr. Allen, who's such an incredible mentor and friend, and be part of a music experience with him this many years later, it's just really amazing."

Tison said NSU gave him many opportunities that have helped to push him personally, creatively and professionally. After earning his Bachelor of Music degree, Tison earned a Master of Music degree in piano performance from Texas Christian University and his CA Teaching Credential from California State University of Long Beach.

"I attribute a lot of [my success] back to this university and the sort of nurturing environment that I had here," Tison said. "I have a pretty high standard, and was influenced a lot by the fine instructors here."

Dr. Allen, Director of Choral Activities and Coordinator of Music, said Tison was a good student while attending NSU. He sang in the Chamber Choir, but mostly

accompanied on the piano and organ.

Allen said he stayed in touch with Tison and followed his career all these years, and it was a great pleasure to watch him work with the students. Allen enjoyed watching Tison rehearse with the high school choir. He said Tison can be very demanding on his students, but Allen could tell that the students respect him.

"It's very gratifying. He's doing a really nice job," Dr. Allen said. "I mean, he's very musical with them, making them [the students] sing phrases and teaching them about how to make things exciting and interesting. That's what we try to communicate around here, so it's nice to see it rubbed off on somebody."

Tison continuously sets the bar higher and higher to challenge himself, and in doing so he also challenges his students. He said he believed that his students and people in general gravitate to the things that challenge them.

"I try to combine that concept and a hard work ethic with my passion for music," Tison said. "I think it all just becomes infectious in the students. They sort of grab hold to that, and it becomes a journey we make together."

This is Tison's fourth year teaching choral music at Fountain Valley High School. He conducts the 58-voice Concert Choir and the Troubadours, the 24-voice chamber choir that have earned prestigious awards and honors while under Tison's direction including: first place at the Golden State South Competition, Outstanding Choral

Group, Adjudicator and Sweepstakes Awards at the Hawaii Heritage Festival and first place performance honors at the National Festival of Gold in Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco. The ensemble toured Germany and Austria during Tison's first year at Fountain Valley High School in 2006. This past summer, the Troubadours toured France for 10 days and performed full concerts in the Cathedrale Notre Dame and Eglise de la Madeline of Paris.

"It's not about awards and trophies," Tison said. "For me it's about these students understanding and learning this powerful form of communication and giving them something they can succeed at."

Tison has taught high school choral music for a total of seven years. He also lectures on the music education faculty at California State University of Long Beach. Before teaching high school music, Tison was the music director of various churches in Louisiana, Texas and California. He has been published as a composer and arranger, and his arrangements have been performed by symphony orchestras throughout the nation.

Tison has conducted orchestras, choirs, musical theatre and opera workshops. He has worked in areas of performance such as piano, organ, harpsichord, French horn, percussion instruments and voice. He has also been featured as a solo performer and conductor throughout Hong Kong, China, Macau, France, Romania, Germany, Austria and

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Alumni Updates

1970

Mary Lou Carpenter Reynolds is employed as a staff nurse at North Carolina State University, married and lives in Lillington, N.C.

1976

Barbara Ellen Bodin Funkhouser is employed as a director at Wayside Foundation Museums, married and lives in Stephens City, Va.

1982

Stephanie Scroggins Myers is employed at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital as a medical technologist, married and lives in Lake Charles.

1986

Lecia Jacquelin Ritter is employed by Banner Boswell Medical Center as a transfusion services manager and lives in Anthem, Ariz.

1989

Kelly Wilson Johnson is employed by Beauregard Parish School Board as a gifted teacher and co-owner of a photography business. She is married and lives in DeRidder.

1992

Brenda Renee Richardson is employed by Fountain-Fort Carson School District as a teacher and lives in Carson, Colo.

1995

Judi D. Free Walker is a special education facilitator for Rapides Parish School Board, married and lives in Bentley.

2000

Gloria Jean Jackson Billings is a teacher's assistant at Lake Rim Elementary School, married and lives in Fayetteville, N.C.

2003

Laura Nicole LaCour-McDaniel is employed by the state of Texas as a counselor, married and lives in Martindale, Texas.

2005

Josh Altimus is employed with Bossier City Marshal's Office as a deputy marshal, married and lives in Bossier City.

2008

Teresa D. Pickett is a youth coordinator at Grambling State University and lives in Coushatta.

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In Memory

1935 – Ethel Marguerite Williams Hill, Athens, Texas, Feb. 21, 2009

1937 – John Wesley Vaughan, February 13, 2009

1940 – Maude Travis Thevenot, Alexandria, April 25, 2009

1948 – Albert E. Hill, Sierra Vista, Ariz., January 6, 2009

1952 – Geraldine "Gerry" Zabasky Carley, Baton Rouge, November 2, 2007

1954 – Joseph Saltzman, Thibodaux, April 3, 2009

1957 – Norma Welch Ragland, Waskom, Texas. Oct. 2, 2008

1961 – Mary Dell Smith Fletcher, Colfax, April 21, 2009

Claudell Lovell Farr, Winnfield, April 18, 2009

Oberia Garrett Estrada Price, Pineville, April 26, 2009

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Denmark.

His extensive knowledge and experience in the music field is responsible for the enthusiasm and charisma that goes into every action of his conducting, starting with finding music for his students to perform. He said it is a journey for him to choose the music, having to

consider the students, audience and judges.

"It's difficult," Tison said. "I'm programming for the success of my students, but also for the success of the experience of everyone. I want everyone to be enriched and challenged."



LOOKING BACK

Leopold Caspari, who is called "The Father of the Normal," was instrumental in the founding of the Louisiana State Normal School, now Northwestern State, and its placement in Natchitoches.

A native of France, Caspari immigrated to the United States in 1848 and settled in Cloutierville. He became a successful farmer and businessman and moved to Natchitoches in 1858.

In 1884, Caspari was elected to the Louisiana Legislature as a state representative from the district including Natchitoches, DeSoto and Sabine parishes. He was later elected to the State Senate, spending nearly 30 years in the legislature. In his first year in the legislature, Caspari was a strong supporter of legislation creating the Louisiana State Normal School. He later made a strong presentation to the State Board of Education to convince them to place the school in Natchitoches.

Caspari helped lead a drive to raise \$5,000 to purchase the Convent of the Sacred Heart, a 95-acre site that made up the early Normal School campus. As president of the Natchitoches Land and Railway Company, Caspari helped gain a railway connection to Natchitoches, which made the Normal School accessible to students from throughout Louisiana.

Caspari died in 1915. Caspari Hall and Caspari Street, which runs through NSU's campus, are named for him. In 2004, he was honored by the university when he was posthumously selected as a recipient of the President's Distinguished Service Award.



Guess Who?



The NSU debate team won the Cross Examination Debate Association National Sweepstakes Championship in the spring of 1994 and continued to successfully compete the following year. Can you name these three 1995 team members preparing for competition. The first five readers to call the Alumni Office (318) 357-4414 will win a prize.

Congratulations to the following people who correctly identified the top graduates in May 1984, Ann Marie Bubier and Linda Stuchlik, who were congratulated by Dr. Joseph Orze.

Mr. Tod Klotzbach-
1985
Zanesville, OH

Mr. James Martin, Jr.-
1984
Pearl, MS

Ms. Linda Stuchlik-
1984
Littleton, CO

Ms. Beth Wyland-BA
1982 & MA 1984
Roaring Spring, PA



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Northwestern is creating a coffee table book celebrating its 125th anniversary. It will contain 200 pages and more than 700 photographs from the university's archives, documenting the school's history through the decades. Sections will include academics, student life, sports and campus views. The book will be a 10.5 x 12-inch hardcover publication.

Each book sold will help support Northwestern and its many programs. Copies of the book will be available in early fall for \$50 each. Book orders that are reserved before August 1, 2009, will be shipped free.

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